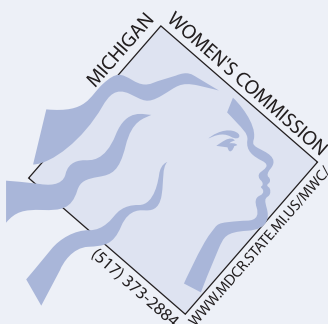


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Mission

To improve the quality of life for Michigan women

Strategic Plan

The Commission operates on a 3-year strategic plan, the 1999-2001 identifies three goal areas:

- Improve the health and safety of women;
- Increase the economic independence of women; and
- Increase the public profile and identity of the Michigan Women's Commission as a resource for women.

2001 Projects

GHB, Rape Drugs and Club Drugs

Since 1998, the MWC has worked to raise awareness to the dangers of GHB and rape drugs through high school, college and community presentations, informational brochures, media opportunities including radio, print and television, public service announcements and personal contact. The MWC has enjoyed a partnership with the Office of the Governor, the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Community Health on this important issue.

Women's Health Issues

The MWC and the Michigan Department of Community Health are working together on a number of women's health issues including, cardiovascular health, breast and cervical cancer, obesity, birth defects, substance abuse and mother/child health.

Personal Safety

The MWC is working with the Michigan State Police to develop an informational brochure for women including personal safety tips. The new piece will be unveiled in July during National Women's Safety Month.

Career Pathways

The MWC has partnered with the Department of Career Development to promote increased participation of school districts in the Career Pathways system. Career Pathways is a system that creates well-marked "paths" of learning to help students learn about new career opportunities, see how school subjects relate to the work world, discover what they are good at doing and learn what it will take to reach their career goals.

The Prosperity Institute for Michigan Women

The MWC and the Michigan Department of Treasury are partners in hosting "The Prosperity Institute for Michigan Women" on June 1-2, 2001 at Cobo Center in Detroit. The Prosperity Institute is a seminar and exhibition designed to inform and educate women about opportunities to develop greater personal financial stability. Women in all walks of life will receive practical tips and answers to money management questions, from balancing a checkbook to savvy investing strategies.

Unsung Heroines

The MWC seeks to recognize the accomplishments of Michigan women. In 2002, the MWC will be hosting the first "Unsung Heroines" awards ceremony to acknowledge the hard work of Michigan women.

Public Profile and Outreach

Raising the public profile of the MWC is a goal area for the Commission. We are accomplishing this through speaking engagements, media opportunities and personal contact. The MWC serves as a referral agency for Michigan women and helps them navigate federal, state and local resources. In addition, the MWC provides informational brochures on a number of personal safety issues, including GHB, rape and club drugs, stalking, domestic violence (also in spanish) and methamphetamine abuse. We also make available a women's resource directory and produce a quarterly newsletter.